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## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PASSES HUNDRED MARK

New Pupils Enroll in both High School and Grades this Week

## NEW BELL ARRIVES AND IS PUT INTO SERVICE

Other Notes of Interest Concerning Mountainair Public Schools

The schools opened the fourth week with an enrollment of 106, distributed among the grades as follows: Miss Hoyland, Grades one and two, thirty-three. Mrs. McKnees, Grades three, four and five, thirty-two. Mrs. Veal, Grades six, seven and eight, twenty-two, making a total enrollment of eighty-seven in the grades. The High School enrollment to date is nineteen, fifteen freshmen and four sophomores.

New students enrolled in the High School this week are as follows: Isabel Clark of Albuquerque High School; Camilla and Milton Puffer of Ochiltree, Texas.

The new bell has arrived and is installed; The bell has a thirty-two inch base, weighs 680 pounds. It has a very fine tone and will go far toward aiding the punctuality of the children.

The new ceilings are all in place and the painters will finish their work this week. The ceilings were given two coats of "ivory" paint, which blends nicely with the walls and woodwork.

The Girls' Basket-ball Club organized this week with the following officers: Hazel Doyle, president; Lois Hollon, vice-president; Josephine Capt, secretary; Lorene Dyer treasurer. There will be enough girls for two teams and we expect some lively contests during the winter.

Judge Fuller, of the board of Education, visited the schools on Thursday of last week. The Judge gave some very interesting talks in the different departments. He has promised a chalk talk for the little folks on his next visit.

R. R. Archer, of the Albuquerque Morning Journal, was a pleasant visitor at the High School on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Mulvaney, one of Torrance county's wide-awake teachers was a pleasant visitor last week.

The attendance and punctuality has been remarkable thus far. Let us hope it may continue for the full nine months. Let us urge the parents to keep their clocks regulated and see that the children have plenty of time to reach school before the opening hours. School opens at 9 a. m. and 1:15 p. m. (Railroad time.)

Report cards for the pupils of the grades will be given out on Monday of next week. The teachers request that the parents examine these reports carefully and if anything in the reports is not satisfactory we would be glad for your help and co-operation in bringing your child up to the standard.

At the end of each month an Honor Roll will be published in the Independent. The names of all who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month will appear, and when the pupils once understand this they will be on the lookout each month for their names.

## Nicanor Baca for Representative

Santa Fe, Oct. 1.—At the democratic district convention for Guadalupe, Torrance and Santa Fe counties, Nicanor Baca was nominated for the legislative house. At a meeting of the independent and democratic county central committees, Melvin T. Dunlavy was nominated for the state senate, his republican opponent being Benjamin F. Pankey.

## FARLEY IS RETURNED FOR FIFTH YEAR

Dr. S. A. Bright Re-appointed Superintendent of English Work

According to the appointments of the pastors for the coming year as announced just before adjournment of the New Mexico Annual Conference at El Paso, Texas, last Sunday night, Rev. R. E. Farley will be the pastor of the local Methodist Church for another year. Mr. Farley thus begins his fifth year of service at this place.

Rev. S. Alonzo Bright, D. D. was re-appointed superintendent of the English District, and Rev. T. M. Harwood, A. M. of the Spanish District.

Rev. J. A. Bretz, pastor at Espanola last year, becomes the pastor at Estancia for the coming twelve months.

## Ninety Dollars per Acre from Potatoes

C. S. Killough was in town Tuesday of this week with a wagon load of potatoes which he grew on his farm, ten miles north of Mountainair and just east of Manzano. He had about a half acre of these, the crop being about 3,000 pounds. This brought him at the rate of ninety dollars per acre, which is not bad for ten dollar land. The larger potatoes weigh from one to two pounds each. They are of fine flavor and firm texture, and of better keeping qualities than the irrigated potato. He found ready market for the whole load.

## Homestead Filings

The following persons have made filings before U. S. Commissioner Hanlon during the past week:

Hiram Cooper, 160 additional.  
Gabino Padilla, 160 add.  
Justo Padilla, 40 add.  
Isaac W. Shewmake, 320.  
Thomas W. Adams, 320.  
Vibian Martinez, 160.  
Walter L. Hall, 320.  
Julius A. Regan, 320.  
Gladys A. Gopp, 320.  
James P. Joiner, 320.  
William W. Thomas, 320.  
William H. Shaffer, 80 add.

## Notice to Voters

Notice is hereby given that the Registration Books for Precinct No. 15, Torrance County, are now open at the office of John W. Corbett, secretary of the board. All legally qualified voters should register. The books will remain open until ten days prior to the date of the election, November 7, 1916.

Manuel Barela,  
Chas. L. Burt,  
John W. Corbett,  
Board of Registration.

## Aviso a los Votantes

Aviso es por este dado que los libros de Enregistración del Precinto Num. 15, condado de Torrance, estan ahora abiertos en la oficina de John W. Corbett, escribano del cuerpo. Todos votantes, legalmente calificados, pueden enregistrarse hasta diez dias antes de la fecha de la Elección, día 7 de Noviembre de 1916.

Manuel Barela,  
Chas. L. Burt,  
John W. Corbett,  
Cuerpo de Enregistración.

## Rio Grande the Better Way

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Farley returned from El Paso yesterday, where they attended the New Mexico Annual Conference. They made the trip by auto, going by way of Socorro and Elephant Butte and returning by way of Alamogordo and Carrizozo. They report the former road in much better condition.

## \$25,000 WORTH OF SHIPPED FROM HERE DURING PAST WEEK

Twelve Cars of 4000 Pounds Each Billed Out by Santa Fe Agent Copeland Shipments Just Beginning to Move

Although the shipment of beans has just started, the first car having been billed from the local station on September 30th, the vicinity is twenty-five thousand dollars richer on account of the shipment of twelve cars, the last of which was billed out on Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd. The first car brought right around two thousand dollars and those shipped more recently have brought more, making the total something over \$25,000.

Last year there were shipped from Mountainair thirty-eight cars of beans during the season, so that in the first week's shipment this year, almost one-third of the total number of cars have been shipped that were loaded a year

ago. Four more cars are now loading, with orders for still more cars on file.

The stories of some of the bean growers read almost like the Bret Harte tales of mining, with the difference that the amounts netted are not in such large sums, but are repeated oftener and more people benefited. On the 22d day of March, 1916, Milton C. Robbins bought the improvements on 71 acres of land, some seven miles north of Mountainair, and filed a homestead thereon. He got busy and planted a crop of beans. He has harvested his crop and is the richer by twelve hundred dollars than he was last March. In other words for a trifle over six months work, he has received \$1200 wages.

## COUNTY AGENT HARWELL WRITES OF BOYS AND GIRLS AT THE BIG STATE FAIR AT ALBUQUERQUE

Expresses Gratitude to Car Owners Who Made the Trip Possible by Generously Donating Use of Cars

The Torrance County section of the Boys' and Girls' Club Camp at the State Fair seemed to get more than their share of enjoyment. At almost any hour of the day the children could be found talking and laughing while taking in the fair's activities from in front of a booth, sitting in the grand stand, or witnessing the performance of some street fakir. The whole week passed without incident to mar the pleasure of a single individual. Captain Toulouse together with the whole Extension force set about to do everything possible that would add one little element of pleasure for the children. All privileges of the fair were open to the wearers of the club work insignia, grand stand and all. They were taken repeatedly to picture shows and other down town pleasures by those in charge of the camp.

Our reputation as a County was one of order and happiness. Miss Anna Porter forever gained the respect and love of the children by her kindness and consideration. Other delegations were more than glad to have opportunity of being placed under her care. Mr. Burt made a decided hit and was on the job every minute seeing that all went well and that the children enjoyed themselves. The County Agent looked after the more serious parts of the program in arranging transportation and exhibits. The county had the largest delegation, really many more than were allowed on paper, and it required nerve to appear on the scene with the multitude that the nine autos took over. Since all of the children who went deserved the trip, and in as much as we had no representation last year, Captain Toulouse looked at the matter in a broad way and we all got safely inside.

The auto owners who furnished the transportation free deserve all manner of credit. Without them our delegation would have been limited and many a little one left home who had worked hard for the trip. Those who made the trip both ways especially for the children aside from Mr. Burt and Mr.

Harwell, were Mrs. Mathews, Mr. Burton, Mr. Marchant, Mr. McGilvray, and Mr. Peterson. Mrs. Mathews responded to the call at once and offered the use of the Dodge car. The others were equally on the job and could see pleasure in giving the kids a good time. Even with this number of cars the space for the children and baggage was limited and others who were making the trip waited for the start and made room. Among these liberal people were Mr. Elgin, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Aliman, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Garvin.

People directly interested in club work see in the trip success from every angle. The children were offered the best opportunity for enjoyment that the State furnishes. Club work will continue along the same lines and all club workers may expect a reasonable reward for their efforts while preparing themselves to become good men and women and a credit to their nation which stands behind the work.

State winners as yet can not be announced since records and stories must be gone over at the Agricultural College.

Roland Harwell, County Agent.

## Commendation

In this connection it is only fair to extend congratulations to Torrance county for winning first prize in the dry farming county contest. Torrance county is a community that has had the never say die spirit. The county has had some mighty lean years and the people have had to contend with many discouraging things.

But the farmers who persisted in Torrance county are riding in automobiles now and letting the bean crops pay for the gasoline. Dry farming in a systematic manner has been the salvation of Torrance county. The county is now on its way to permanent prosperity. The farmer is prepared to withstand a bad year, if one comes along, and to make the most of the good years.—Albuquerque Herald.

## SOCIALISTS IN FIELD WITH STATE TICKET

T. Smith and N. A. Wells of Estancia, are among Nominees

For Presidential Electors:  
McB. Smith, of Melrose.  
T. Smith, of Melrose.  
Ira N. Crisp, of E. Las Vegas.

For United States Senator:  
W. P. Metcalf, of Albuquerque.  
For Representative in Congress:  
A. J. Eggum, of Roswell.

For Justice of the Supreme Court:  
A. James McDonald, of Clayton.

For Governor:  
N. A. Wells, of East Las Vegas.

For Lieutenant-Governor:  
J. H. Bearup, of Roy.

For Secretary of State:  
Vincent Thomas, of Taos.

For Auditor:  
Frank Frost, of Dexter.

For Treasurer:  
Frank Phelps, of Fort Bayard.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:  
Mrs. Lurlyne Lane, of Alto.

For Commissioner of Public Lands:  
T. E. Prendergrass, of Elk.

No nominations were made for attorney-general or corporation commissioner, but it is understood these places will be filled later.

The above clipped from an exchange is given out as the State Socialist Ticket. We surmise that an error has crept in, in at least two of the names: T. Smith for Presidential Elector and N. A. Wells for Governor, are according to our guess both residents of Estancia.

## 70,000 Pounds and Half Through Threshing

F. Q. Imboden has been bringing in beans this week, which he is shipping, having sold a portion of his crop. When asked concerning his crop, he said "We have threshed seventy thousand pounds and have as many more to thresh." Mr. Imboden's farm is north of Mountainair, in the Mesteña.

## Fractures Collarbone

Geo. V. Hanlon was thrown from a motor cycle in Albuquerque last Saturday night and his collar bone was fractured. Mrs. Hanlon was with him in Albuquerque at the time on her way to the meeting of the Womens Club at Las Vegas. She wrote that in all probability she would be compelled to give up the trip to Las Vegas and remain with Mr. Hanlon.

## Broken Jaw Healing Nicely

W. H. Burns has so far recovered from the effects of the accident sustained some four weeks ago, in which he received a broken jaw, when he became mixed up with a well drill, that Dr. Buer removed the wires from the injured member the first of the week. Appearances now indicate that Mr. Burns will shortly be as "good as new," much to his own delight as that of his friends. A diet of soup for a month has become rather monotonous to him, as he has not been accustomed to "keeping his mouth shut" so long at a time.

## Prichard at the Mines

Col. G. W. Prichard of Santa Fe, was in Mountainair Monday on business connected with the mines in Abo Canyon, in which he is interested. He has fitted up an office at the mines, and is preparing to furnish a house and make his home there at least a portion of the time. He has good reports of the mines, the ore now being taken out being of good grade and paying well.

## MOUNTAINAIR BOYS GROW PRIZE BEANS

Walter Hoyland Leads with a Score of 95. Ora Hollon Second

## FIRST AND SECOND IN STATE-WIDE COMPETITION

Torrance County Bunch Best Behaved of All at Camp Southard

The Mountainair boys who attended the State Fair came back covered with honor, Walter Hoyland having won first over all competitors in the state with a score of 95. Ora Holland was a close second, receiving second honors in the state. Before the judging was begun, there were six entries from Torrance county and three from other portions of the state, against which our boys had to compete.

Superintendent Burt is high in his praise of the bunch of Torrance county boys and girls of which he and Miss Porter had charge. He claims they were the best behaved bunch on the grounds, that they gave strict attention to everything, and profited greatly by the trip. He said he greatly enjoyed the outing with the youngsters, who proved ladies and gentlemen throughout the week.

The whole bunch of almost three hundred boys and girls were representative of the best of the state. They had won their honors by application and attention and hard work and naturally there wasn't a drone in the whole lot. Of course they were full of life—a boy that isn't never wins honors in such a class anyhow. But they are learning to apply this life to practical and useful things, which is the important thing after all. Instead of smothering their energy with "don'ts" these young people are learning to utilize it to advantage in doing. A boy who can grow more beans or a better pig than his dad will make a better farmer and a better citizen in years to come. And the girl who can care for a flock of chickens and secure greater results in eggs and profits will make a better wife for these better farmers.

## State Fair Notes

In the judging of beans at the State Fair, County Superintendent Burt learned that the beans exhibited by the boys from Torrance county were shown just as they had been threshed, while those shown by competitors had been hand-picked. Together with County Agent Harwell, he made a protest and proving his point, the matter was rectified. It is only fair to the boys that the competition should be on an equal basis, and so it was adjusted.

## Sunday Services

There will be preaching services at the Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon and night, conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams of Estancia. All cordially invited.

## Hotel Arrivals

### Hotel Abo

J. M. Land and wife  
Herbert Herzstein, Clayton.  
E. A. Mattingly, Lucy.  
A. C. Fissen, Wewaka, Okla.  
W. A. Linker, Wawaka, Okla.  
R. R. Archer, Albuquerque.  
D. Williams,  
Mrs. Anna Bond

### Commercial Hotel

G. H. Branstetter, Santa Fe.  
V. V. Campbell, Oklahoma City.  
Mort Roberson, Wichita Falls.  
J. E. Overstreet, Ft. Sumner.  
A. O. Willingham, Albuquerque.  
Walter Sweet, Albuquerque.  
S. C. Duncan, St. Joseph.  
Joe E. Pearce, Atchison.